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FCC tabulations as of March 31, 1980

	Licensed	On air STA*	CP's on air	Total on air	CP's not on air	Total authorized**
Commercial AM	4,546	3	9	4,558	104	4,662
Commercial FM	3,165	2	1	3,168	181	3,349
Educational FM	1,030	0	5	1,035	96	1,131
Total Radio	8,741	5	15	8,761	381	9,142
Commercial TV						
VHF	514	1	2	517	9	526
UHF	224	0	5	229	68	297
Educational TV						
VHF	99	1	5	105	6	111
UHF	155	2	5	162	8	170
Total TV	992	4	17	1,013	91	1,104
FM Translators	293	0	0	293	152	445
TV Translators						
UHF	1,262	0	0	1,262	412	1,674
VHF	2,510	0	0	2,510	187	2,697

*Special temporary authorization

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